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BOOM TOWN

Police warn treasure hunter to stop fishing for bombs

by DAVID LINDSELL
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A treasure hunter has been warned he could be arrested for being a public nuisance after fishing a hand grenade from the depths of the River Thames in Kingston on Sunday.

A police bomb squad closed off Portsmouth Road and detonated the grenade at 8pm in a deafening explosion that neighbours said rattled windows and glassware in nearby homes.

Forklift truck driver Stephen Taylor, 36, discovered the rusty World War II grenade using an electromagnet on a line.

He is the same person who thought he had found an old Second World War shell in the woods near Glenbuck Road in August and called in the bomb squad, only to be told it was part of a signpost.

Mr Taylor, who lives with his wife Melanie in Warwick Grove, Surbiton, said: "One officer, an inspector, said to me 'At the moment I can't stop you doing it, but it would be better if you didn't do it in rivers or lakes any more'.

"[He said] if I was to find anything else to phone police about he would give me a public nuisance.

"I think it's out of order. It's just a hobby."

His aim was to find something of value one day to donate to the British Museum and perhaps have his name recognised, but he said finding explosives kept them safe from children who might fish them out by accident.

Danger: The riverside and, inset, the grenade

He said: "It was definitely live. They have thrown it in practising during the Second World War and it has not gone off. The lever was rusted to the grenade. I didn't think the detonation would be that loud."

Georgia Munroe, 23, who works for Genuine Solutions in Chessington, was walking home from Kingston Carnival with her dog Bob, mother and sister when they bumped into Mr Taylor.

She said he was a polite, middle-aged man who asked them to mind out of the way because he had found a hand grenade.

Ms Munroe said: "He said his wife thinks he is a bit mental. He usually just finds old pennies and old coins. We just thought it was amazing."

The Munroes walked back to their home in Lovelace Gardens and did not hear the explosion.

Mr Taylor's brother David said: "They can't nick him because he is not breaking the law."

Shortly after the detonation in Surbiton he cycled to Hampton Court where he thought he had found a piece of cannonball, which turned out to be something else.

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Police unveil their cell block-buster

Take a good look – this is where you could end up if you are naughty on a night out.

From next month, people arrested in the borough, and in Richmond, will be locked up in Kingston police's new cell block.

Officers led a tour of the cells last week for community leaders and council chief executive Bruce McDonald.

There are no bars, only hatches, and no two-way mirrors in interview rooms.

Each of the 20 cells is monitored by CCTV, and officers have the ability to listen in on detainees' phone calls.

The decor is modern and bright.

There are eight microwaves for preparing meals for prisoners, along with stacks of polystyrene takeaway trays.

New borough commander Superintendent Glenn Tunstall said prisoners' safety was paramount in the new design, and insisted they should leave "in either the same or better medical condition" than when they arrived.

Mod cons: The new cell block
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He said: "The biggest improvement has got to be safety. There is so much learning from 175 years of running custody suites and detaining prisoners that has been built in."

Supt Tunstall, who trained as a custody sergeant in Kingston, described the old block as "antiquated".

As with any new building, there were some snags. The lock on the only toilet outside the cells is to be changed, because it cannot be opened from the outside.

And a pepper-spray decontamination room vents directly out by the back door – so anyone waiting to be taken inside will be blasted.

Mr McDonald spent a few minutes locked up for the cameras.

He said: "I enjoyed my visit, particularly because it was brief."

School plan could see end of gas site

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A colourful playground and classrooms could soon replace abandoned gas holders in the heart of Kingston within the next few years.

Kingston Council is in the early stages of putting together a planning brief for a new two-form entry primary school in Seven Kings Way.

The announcement comes months after the borough secured approval for a new primary school at the border with Merton and another for a secondary school at the North Kingston Centre as soon as funding is available.

Councillor David Ryder-Mills, lead member for schools and continuing education, said: "It seems to me that would be quite an ideal place. There is a planning brief developed for where the gas holders are.

"This would involve some land swapping between owners and it would have to go up to proper consultation on whether it is a good idea or not but it is a site which is really quite sought after."

He said the area was attractive because it was near the town centre and, with the 300 plus flats set to crop up by the riverside, it could tackle school place shortages in north Kingston.

But he said: "It does have drawbacks. It would have to be redesigned because it is bordered by busy roads, so a lot of thought would have to go into the planning.

"I imagine if anyone with a free school proposal is interested, I am hopeful it could be analysed quite quickly."

Jennifer Butterworth, chairman of the Kingston Society, said: "One of our members finds them [gas containers] very impressive, but I think he may be in the very small minority. They have no purpose. I see no case for not removing them.

"A school seems – knowing the shortage – very helpful."

Tessa Kind, from the Mill Street Residents' Association, said: "I thought they were building flats there? I would be all in favour of a new primary school.

"I would be interested to see what catchment area it would cover.

"Our local school St John's is a one-form entry and most years it is oversubscribed."

Security company probed for figures

A national security company on whose watch a murderer escaped from Kingston County Court is being investigated by police over claims it fiddled contract figures.

Serco holds the £40m contract for escorting prisoners to and from courts in London and East Anglia and is accused of fraudulent behaviour by staff.

The investigation was launched after a Ministry of Justice audit found disparities between Serco contract records with staff recording prisoners as arrived for court when they had not.

Escaped: Richard Kwakye

Last June convicted child killer Richard Kwakye managed to flee Kingston County Court with a weapon before he knocked a woman off her bike outside Kingston College and was caught.

Coun Geoff Austin said the escape should be looked at as well.

He said: "The public have a right to know the incident has been looked into and whether measures have been taken to make sure it does not happen again."

Chris Hyman, chief executive of Serco, said: "I am deeply appalled at the misreporting of data by a small number of employees on the contract. This is a very serious matter for us."

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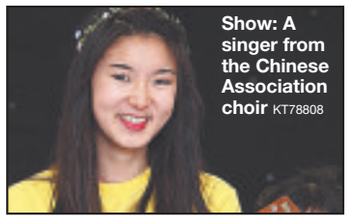
Carnival comes to streets of the town



Show: A singer from the Chinese Association choir KT78808

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It was carnival time in Kingston this week, as hundreds turned out for an eclectic day of music, food and fun.

The annual Kingston Carnival saw Market Place and the surrounding area transformed into a mini-festival site, as music and dance acts entertained the crowds throughout the afternoon.

Performers included legendary reggae DJ David Rodigan, Get Cape. Wear Cape. Fly, and celtic punk outfit the Lagan, as well as several community groups.

Events began at noon with a carnival procession through town, before the bands took to the stage.

Jon Tolley, manager of Banquet Records, which organised the acts for the main stage, tweeted his admiration of both David Rodigan and the Kingston masses.

He wrote: "Genuinely think Rodigan's a hero. Not in a novelty way. There's a substance and knowledge. Only as good as the crowds tho. Kingston is rad."

The DJ responded in kind, tweeting his thanks to Banquet Records: "@banquetrecords thank you for inviting me to Kingston-Upon-Thames this afternoon for the last hurrah of the Carnival...wonderful".

And @RosieVonD tweeted: "kingston carnival was great fun today. @TheLagan on top form was per. and the familiar face and voice of @forgetcape is always a pleasure."

Some who attended were clearly feeling the effects the next morning, with @CesnaiteVaida tweeting: "David Rodigan playing Kingston Carnival has sloshed my Monday morning up.", while @KSivlal wrote: "Kingston carnival really needs to happen like every week".

John Azah, from festival organisers Kingston Race and Equalities Council, said: "I had a quote from one of the mayors who came through and they said Kingston has done London proud.

"For me that was what we set out to do. We wanted to bring communities together and show Kingston in a positive way, and have fun too.

"The planning and support from our partners just pulled it all together, but even then I don't think we could have envisaged it going so well."

Day out: Lucy and Juliette Tilney, eight and five, inside a fire engine
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Fun: Tom Elsam and daughter Emily, six

Carnival: The crowd get going Picture: Banquet Records

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Food banks 'feeding 5,000'

Government cuts to welfare are forcing hungry families into the arms of food banks, charity workers have said.

Workers at food banks in Kingston have now "fed the 5,000" since opening in December 2011.

More than 30 tonnes of emergency food rations have been given to about 50 people a week.

Kingston organiser Paul Pickhaver said welfare reform was driving people into hunger but the Government denies the claim.

Poor: Deborah Roberts

Mr Pickhaver, a church leader and former Christian People's Alliance candidate, said: "We have seen an increase. We know from what people tell us some of it is from welfare reform changes.

"We have people ring the food bank number saying 'Where do I get a voucher? I'm not on benefits, I'm in work.

"It is the state of the economy really, because prices are rising and families are squeezed."

Former council officer drops racial tribunal

by ROSS LOGAN

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Kingston Council has reached an out-of-court settlement with a former employee who had claimed he was racially discriminated against.

But criticism has been directed at council leader Liz Green, who said she did not know about the case or the subsequent settlement.

An employment tribunal brought by former planning officer Narinder Lakhan against Nicola Smith, group manager for development control, was due to be heard on August 15, but was cancelled at the last minute after Mr Lakhan withdrew his claim.

Kingston Council confirmed Mr Lakhan had "reached agreement" with the authority, but would not comment further or say whether Mr Lakhan, from Osterley, Hounslow, was made to sign a non-disclosure agreement.

When asked last week about the case, Coun Green said she "did not know" about the tribunal or the subsequent agreement.

Kingston Conservatives leader Howard Jones said: "I would certainly want to know if somebody had left the employment of the council and was making allegations of racial discrimination against senior officers.

"I am surprised Liz Green didn't know, and I'm surprised I didn't know, and I shall be asking questions about that."

Laurie South, chairman of the Kingston Labour Party, said: "If I was leader I would say that if there was something that is politically sensitive coming up, I would really want to know about it.

"You have to ask: do the Lib Dems know what's going on? I think the answer is probably not."

Up until last year, Mr Lakhan was the case officer in the long-running Tesco Tolworth supermarket saga.

Nicola Smith is currently on maternity leave.

In April the Kingston Guardian revealed the council had paid out more than £500,000 in settlements to former employees since 2008.

Those included former director of children's services Duncan Clark, who quit Kingston in 2012 with a year's salary of £128,625 – days before a damning Ofsted report into his child protection department was made public.

Planning: Mr Lakhan was case officer in the long-running Tolworth Tesco saga KT63808

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Office politics: This large office building in Blagdon Road is on track to be turned into flats; Eric Pickles, above; and the original TV commercial character Flat Eric, left
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Flat Eric's 'big, bad idea'

by NAZIA DEWJI
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Hundreds of people will be moving into new flats being developed "by the backdoor" as developers take advantage of a new loophole in planning laws that allow offices to be turned into homes without planning permission.

Since new laws allowing offices to be turned into homes without planning permission came into effect in May, Kingston Council has seen notifications for more than 125 flats with the potential to house hundreds more people in the borough.

The biggest such office to homes site is in Blagdon Road in New Malden for 77 new flats in an office block but others are scattered across Kingston, Surbiton and Tolworth.

Neighbours do not have a say over the new influx – the brainchild of Conservative Communities Secretary Eric Pickles – which intends to ease the housing crisis with the use of empty buildings.

The council also misses out on Section 106 money that it would otherwise get from a normal planning application, which puts funds into transport, education and green spaces in the borough.

Liberal Democrat Councillor Simon James, responsible for overseeing Kingston Council's sustainable place department, said: "There is no consultation, local people have no say, the councillors can't do anything about it.

"Eric Pickles came in saying he believed in localism but in this case he means developers can take any action no matter what people think. He seems to say one thing and do another."

Tony Arbour, Conservative London Assembly member for southwest London, said: "This is one thing where central government does not know best and the local council does. It is a bad idea, period. Many Conservative councils are taking the same line. In suburban areas such as Richmond and Kingston we want to keep employment in the borough.

"By losing offices that cuts down local employment and loses business for shops at lunchtimes and in the evenings."

Matterhorn Capital New Malden Ltd's plans for eight-storey New Malden House are for 28 one-bedroom and 49 two-bedroom flats.

The numbers added up by the Kingston Guardian do not include dozens more full planning applications for changing offices into homes, which are decided by councillors.

Seventeen local authorities are exempt. Lambeth and Islington councils are the first to launch a judicial review to protect their spaces against the controversial new planning laws.

But Coun James said Kingston Council had not lodged an expensive judicial review, although he admitted there would be an eye on whether any of these could set a precedent to change the laws.

A spokesman from the Department for Local Communities and Local Government said: "The department introduced the office to residential change of use policy in order to bring underused offices back into effective use and provide new homes, and we will vigorously defend any legal challenge to the policy."

Conversion notifications since May

- 77 flats with 126 bedrooms on six floors of New Malden House, Blagdon Road.
- Six flats in Apsley House, Wellington Crescent, New Malden.
- Two flats with five bedrooms in Kingsley House, Tolworth Close, Surbiton.
- 13 flats with 14 bedrooms in Chichester House, 145a London Road, Kingston.
- Four bedrooms in Eurolux House, 456 Ewell Road, Surbiton.
- A bid for flats opposite the Guildhall in 8-10 High Street, Kingston, was later withdrawn.
- Flats in 5 St Mary's Road, Surbiton.
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Murder denial

A man from Kingston has denied murdering an Old Malden resident on the Kingsnympton estate.

Andrew Nichols, 44, of Fordham, Excelsior Close, on the Cambridge Road estate, pleaded not guilty to the murder of 28-year-old Colin Bolton, during a hearing at the Old Bailey last Wednesday.

Mr Bolton, an electrical engineer from Sheephouse Way, Old Malden, died on June 10 after being stabbed to death in a first floor flat in Thursley House, on the Kingsnympton estate in Kingston Hill.

He was carried outside by paramedics who tried to save his life in front of shocked neighbours. His body was then left outside while police investigated.

A postmortem examination later said he died of stab wounds to the heart.

Mr Bolton was an electrical engineer at UK Safety Management and a former student of Richmond College.

He had just changed the relationship status of his profile to "in a relationship" the night before he died.

Mr Nichols appeared via video link from prison to enter his not guilty plea. A trial was set for Monday, February 17, 2014.

Restaurant staying open late 'will not affect crime'

by JON SHARMAN
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A restaurant owner has overcome crime objections from police and won his bid to stay open late.

Bevan and Miranda Hoogewerf wanted to serve alcohol until 1am on some nights at their restaurant Langleys in Ewell Road, Surbiton.

But Kingston police had objected saying that the later hours would increase crime in the area.

Kingston Council's licensing sub-committee granted the application to host live music until 11pm from Monday to Wednesday.

At the time commenters on the Kingston Guardian website were wary, although there were no official objections from residents.

DB commented: "If the owner of Langleys purely wants to allow his diners to spend a bit longer and have a few more drinks after their meal, I don't think there will be any problems, but if he wants to open it up to people just coming in for a drink that is different."

And Paul Sloan said: "The revamped Langleys has the potential to do very well as a neighbourhood restaurant, but if it tries to morph into a late night drinking spot, [like Boscos] it will be shunned by the locals it needs to survive."

This week Mr Hoogewerf said: "It all went through. People can sit outside and have a drink and a smoke.

"We have got to decide menus and stuff like that before that takes effect."

Councillor Sharon Hartley said: "I think it is good to have a new, fresh, business, which seems to be popular.

"It could be a very vital business area for Surbiton in the future."

The committee decided serving late drinks would not increase crime and disorder, as Kingston police argued, because Langleys is primarily a restaurant and drinks would be consumed with food.

Diners can drink until midnight from Sunday to Wednesday, and until 1am from Thursday to Saturday.

Win: Bevan Hoogewerf (second on the right) and staff at Langleys Deadlinepix KT78537

Moving house: The Royal Star and Garter home in Upper Brighton Road, Surbiton Deadlinepix KT78848

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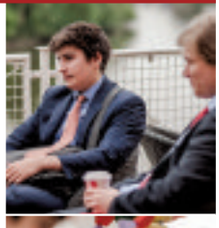

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Diocese needs to explain full cost of building work

I write following a recent letter about the demolition of the historic Victorian front part of the junior site of Christ Church Primary School, New Malden (Sad times for those who care about heritage, August 22).

The writer is correct that the extension had been allowed to rot and was the responsibility of the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education – the governing body too.

He is wrong that the new building is being paid for by the local authority and not the church. Funding is from neither. I can understand how this confusion occurred. In a recent byelection Edward Davey MP claimed Liberal Democrat councillors made decisions to make the rebuild possible.

This was a blatant attempt to take credit where none was due. Funding is from a £2.1m emergency Government grant. The writer also mentions Christ Church vicarage being allowed to rot.

Despite plans put forward by residents showing junior pupils could be accommodated temporarily at the church site, the diocese chose to proritise its proposals for commercial development.

Instead, we residents near the Elm Road site suffered disruption, traffic and noise during construction of the temporary "village" on a playing field.

We experienced the same for the demolition and currently more during the rebuild. We face further upheaval when the "village" is dismantled and the green space restored.

I have asked Southwark Diocese for years, without success, to repair the damage it has caused to my boundary wall.

As the diocese is now managing the junior rebuild, could someone tell me how much taxpayers' money has been used relocating a (mostly unused) rain shelter during the rebuild? And how much wasted on demolishing it a few weeks later?

Southwark Diocese has a lot to answer.

MAUREEN WILKINS
Resident

What's so special about bus lane to warrant fine?

I have read with interest Sherrie Robinson's letter (Camera at bus lane is set up to catch the unaware, August 29). As one of many hundreds of people with a similar experience I share her frustration. The following facts may be of interest.

The King Charles Road feeder road into Ewell Road curves directly towards the near side (poorly marked) bus lane. It is almost impossible to get into the outside lane because of the short space available to manoeuvre and the outside lane is frequently full of traffic travelling towards the A3 roundabout.

Amazingly, the offending bus lane is just 35 yards long. From this section of road to the A3 roundabout there is no bus lane at all.

The Ewell Road from the Surbiton library to the A3 roundabout is approximately 1.4 miles long. From Surbiton library to the busy Red Lion Road junction bus lanes are functional from 4pm to 7pm. This extends more than a mile.

At the Red Lion Road junction the bus lane, activity increases from 7am to 7pm.

There is no warning of any change – just a sign identical to the earlier signs for the previous mile from the library – but the times have changed. It is hardly a reasonable notification at a busy road junction, especially when it is approximately 10 feet high.

As a somewhat confused resident in the royal borough for many years, I am compelled to ask what is so special about this section of road? As far as I am aware, there are no extra buses on it – maybe it is an area for trainee traffic wardens.

Protracted correspondence with the mandarins in the town hall have convinced me to spend my time more profitably – maybe breeding chickens.

RICHARD J HACKMAN
Surbiton

Highway Code is blatantly ignored by motorists

I write in response to Councillor Simon James's statement concerning the council taking over responsibility from the police for illegal parking (Family in shock after motorcyclist's death, August 29).

As a constituent of Coun James, little has been done up until now concerning illegal parking outside The Oxbridge Centre in Blagdon Road, New Malden.

Vehicles park on the street corners outside this establishment, obstructing traffic sight lines and blocking the dropped kerbs for disabled people and those with prams or pushchairs, yet nothing is done.

Lorries and delivery vehicles cannot get round because of these irresponsible individuals concerned only with parking as close to this school as possible so their children do not have too far to walk.

The council vehicles that do patrol, and have done so up until now, are very selective in those they target.

The Highway Code is quite specific with regard to the distance vehicles should park away from a corner yet this is blatantly ignored by the council's roving officers and police alike. So is he saying the council policy will change or just spinning the usual politically correct statement that politicians use in circumstances such as this?

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Getting everyone involved

A club night organised by adults with learning disabilities, for adults with learning disabilities, takes place in Kingston next week.

Boogie Nights is a regular event for disabled people and their families and carers, usually held in the relatively modest Kingsmeadow bar.

But the event moves to the 2,000-capacity Hippodrome this time for a big night of dance, house, pop and cheese.

Organisers say the idea is to give people with learning disabilities the sort of authentic clubbing experience they might not usually get.

Organiser Philip Hitchen says: "We wanted to be the first people in Kingston with learning disabilities to organise a huge club night for others with disabilities, their friends, families and support workers.

BOOGIE NIGHTS

"We have been running Boogie Nights disco at Kingsmeadow for many years, which is really popular, but this event will enable lots more people to have a real clubbing experience."

Colleague Natalie Francis adds: "It is important to us that people with disabilities get to access and enjoy the same community venues as everyone else.

"We want everyone to have a great time and stay up late."

Alan Booth says: "We love organising Boogie Nights.

"It is great to see everyone up dancing, having a laugh and meeting new friends."

● **Boogie Nights; Hippodrome, St James Road, Kingston; September 12, 7pm to 12.30am; £5; call 020 8942 9769.**

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WRITE stuff

ONE ACTS

● **Cornerhouse, 116 Douglas Road, Surbiton; May 12 to 17, 2014, 8pm; for more information visit thecornerhouse.org.**

TOUCH THE SKY BENEATH MY FEET

Talented playwrights are being urged to come forward with their written masterpieces to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the One Acts festival next year, *writes Nazia Dewji*.

The Cornerhouse has been asking drama, music and dance lovers to pitch their works as part of a competition to bring new productions to the forefront.

The theatre house has been bringing in up-and-coming writers in this way by allowing them to breathe life into their ideas for a nearly a decade.

But creative bods only have two months to get their juices flowing to be in with the chance to see their production live in the borough next year.

Jon Constant, chairman of the festival, says: "The plays need to be short – 15 to 30 minutes long – so if you have an original idea and would like to see it staged, why not have a go?

"A number of plays will be selected by a panel of judges out of all those received – and yours may well be the lucky one – and even if it isn't, you will still get feedback to help you with your future writing."

Themes for the last One Acts festival included secrets, ambition, menace, a fun run and gobbledygook, but the door is open for all sorts.

This year the festival will need original plays for a week-long line-up next May but writers must submit their entries to one acts@thecornerhouse.org by Thursday, October 31.

Vibe SHORTS

SING SONG: Undiscovered singers from Kingston, Richmond and Wandsworth are being invited to an open rehearsal for a December mass. The rehearsal for Karl Jenkins The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace by the Thames Philharmonic choir takes place at Granard School, Westleigh Avenue, Putney, at 7.30pm, on September 24. The final concert will take place at St Paul's Church in Wimbledon.

● **For more information visit thamesphilchoir.org.uk.**

FUNK AND SOUL: Come along to a night of soul and Motown classics. The Albert is hosting Barefootin to put some funk into Saturday night.

● **Barefootin; the Albert pub, 57 Kingston Hill, Kingston; September 14; call 020 8546 7669, visit thealbertkingston.co.uk.**

ON THE BEAT: The biggest over-30s club night is back again. Dress to impress as DJs play the biggest dance hits from the past 30 years.

● **Beat Goes On; Kingsmeadow Live, Cherry Red Records stadium, Jack Goodchild Way, 422A Kingston Road, Kingston; September 21, 8pm; £5 members and £7 non-members; call 020 8247 9918, visit kingsmeadowlive.com.**

FUNNY MAN: Preparing for his forthcoming BBC TV series, comedian's comedian Stewart Lee comes to Kingston with a mixed stew of humour.

● **Stewart Lee; Much A-Stew About Nothing; Rose Theatre, Kingston; September 10, 7.30pm; rosetheatrekingston.org.**

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STAYING ON COURSE

Join the class: Evening lessons are a great way to interact with others and learn together

School days may not have been the best days of your life, but learning really can be fun, *writes Emily Hodgkin*.

That is the approach taken by many adult education colleges which are attracting adults of all ages to enjoy themselves learning new skills and making new friends. From learning a language to ballroom dancing, astrophysics to jewellery making – there are a huge range of courses to choose from – and most require no previous experience or qualifications.

The Workers' Education Association (WEA) holds courses at various venues, including the Ebbisham Centre, in Epsom, and the Leatherhead Institute.

Diana Ching tutors classes in arts and crafts and says: "Adult education is a bit underrated and misunderstood. It used to be called evening classes or night school, and it all sounded very serious. But now there is so much you can do and it's about having a good time."

Jane Thynne, of the WEA, says: "We focus on relaxation and the social aspect of our classes. We aim to help to keep people engaged and get them to try something they maybe wouldn't have before."

Scola (Sutton College of Learning for Adults) is another organisation, offering more than 1,000 courses as diverse as stained glass window making and aromatherapy.

Kevan Samwells, head of learning division at Scola says: "People like to interact and learn together. When you have other people around you it motivates you. If you have a friend who's going to be there you want to come to your lesson all the more."

Ashley McCan has done pilates at Scola since 2006.

He says: "I convinced my wife to join me at pilates and we went every week up until she passed away. When we joined, all those years ago, we met a woman who I am still very good friends with."

● **For the full story visit kingstonguardian.co.uk/vibe.**

The North Kingston centre in Richmond Road, Kingston, offers a wide selection of adult learning courses for all abilities. Courses range from creative writing, complementary therapies and flower arranging, to English as a foreign language, maths and English and courses for disabled people. Day and evening classes are also available across the borough, at the King Charles Centre and United Reform Church in Surbiton, Coombe Evening Centre in New Malden, and the Hook centre in Chessington. For more information, call 020 8547 6700 or email adult.education@rbk.kingston.gov.uk.

ALL SEWN UP

Colourful textiles strewn beautifully together and bold cut and stitch designs will all be displayed in an exhibition at Kingston Museum.

Fabric lovers are invited to the bi-yearly Kingston Embroiderers Guild exhibition next month.

Here members will showcase the diverse embroidery art they have been working on, including a large group piece titled Meet the Sew and Sews, based on a number of self-portraits sewn together.

Emma Rummins, curator at Kingston Museum, says: "They are a regular contributor group for exhibitions with us every two years. They never let us down. Their skills are impressive.

"They are always really happy to talk about their work and explain it to people who are interested in how they were created – and it's all normally very bright."

● **Kingston Embroiderers Guild Exhibition; Kingston Museum, Wheatfield Way; October 4-19, call 020 8547 5006, visit kingston.gov.uk/museums.**

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CHEESE DREAM

Few things go together better than a good cheese and a decent wine, *writes Ross Logan*.

While many are happy to scoff whatever plonk and dairy product is placed in front of them, there are others who like to know a little bit more about the products they are consuming.

And even the least fussy among us can benefit from a few pointers to make the experience all the more fulfilling.

For those interested in learning a little more about the diverse world of British cheese, there are few better places to start than at Surbiton's Homage de Fromage.

Held every month at the Lamb pub in Brighton Road, Homage de Fromage takes customers on a tasting journey of the UK's finest cheeses.

Landlord Liz McLoughlin, who runs the pub with partner Adam Lewis, says: "We offer something to suit all palates from the delicate Somerset brie and subtle Spenwood to the wallop of Stinking Bishop.

"Our customers select three cheeses, with guidance if needed, which are served with homemade pickles and chutneys, grapes, apple and crusty bread."

When it comes to drinks, Liz says some beers and ciders work just as well with certain cheeses as wine does.

She says: "Deciding on a complementary drink is a very personal thing, as people have varied tastes and preferences. So the best thing would be to come along and try some for yourself."

● **The Lamb; Brighton Road, Surbiton; table for four £40; next date September 30; homagedefromage.co.uk.**

All smiles: Adam Lewis and Liz McLoughlin, landlords of the Lamb pub, with Robin Hutchinson, centre, host of Homage de Fromage

Picture: David New

A Surbiton pub offers a selection of the country's finest Chedders, Wensleydales and Red Leicesters from tomorrow. The Lamb, in Brighton Road, will have some of the country's finest – and stinkiest – cheeses, to celebrate British cheese week. The pub, which hosts the monthly Homage de Fromage cheese club, is also offering a selection of the winners from the 2013 British Cheese Awards.

● **British Cheese Week; the Lamb, Brighton Road, Surbiton; September 7 – September 15; visit thecheeseweb.com or homagedefromage.co.uk.**

Back to the 80s

Audiences will be transported back to a time when hair was big, greed was good, collars were up and shoulder pads were in, for a production of The Wedding Singer.

Based on the hit Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore 1998 movie, the live theatre production tells the tale of 1985 rock-star wannabe Robbie Hart, who is New Jersey's favourite wedding singer.

He is the life of the party until his fiancee leaves him at the altar and he starts to make every wedding as disastrous as his own until a winsome waitress, Julia, wins his affection.

The show features an original score that captures the essence of the 1980s, performed by Twickenham Operatic Society (Tops).

Tops comprises a group of people of all ages and backgrounds with a passion for musical theatre who have put on shows since 1927 around the borough.

President of Tops Gill Wade says: "After a summer of intensive rehearsals we travel to Hampton and everyone in Tops is very excited to appear in a venue that will be a first for them.

"Hopefully it will be the first of many visits to Hampton Hill where they have been made to feel so welcome."

● **The Wedding Singer; Hampton Hill Playhouse; High Street, Hampton Hill; September 7 to 13; from £14; call 07989 565411 or visit twickenhamoperatics.com/tickets.**

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Retirees plan to raise £62,000 by downsizing

One in four pensioners plans to move

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Nearly three quarters (73 per cent) of the UK's 10.4 million pensioners own their own home, although more than a quarter (26 per cent) expect to sell their property to raise money or simply to make their life easier, according to new research.

Four in every five (81 per cent) retired homeowners who expect to sell are planning to buy another property, says the Prudential which carried out the research. This is equivalent to around one million homes being bought and sold by pensioners, many of whom will release substantial amounts of cash by downsizing.

The majority (73 per cent) of retirees who plan to sell up and buy another property want to move into a smaller and less expensive home. On average, they expect downsizing to raise as much as £62,000.

Nearly a quarter (23 per cent) plan to use the money raised to boost their income in retirement, 13 per cent will pay off debts and eight per cent say they'll use the money to help with everyday living costs.

Prudential's research also shows that over one in five (22 per cent) retired homeowners still have an outstanding mortgage, with average monthly payments of £254.

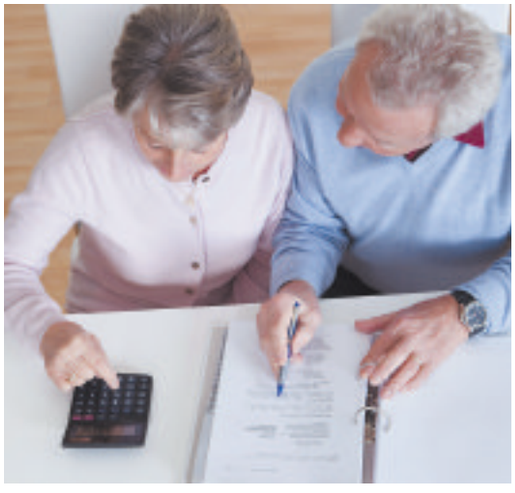
The convenience of running a smaller home was the most commonly stated motivation for those who plan to downsize – 48 per cent say they want a simpler life. Separately, 22 per cent claim raising money is the main driver for their sale, while 11 per cent want to reduce household bills.

Stan Russell, retirement expert at Prudential, said: "Housing wealth is potentially a significant source of additional retirement income for pensioners who own their own home. This is why so many of Britain's pensioners are planning to become last-time-buyers.

"However, it is dangerous for people to assume that housing wealth can make up for a lack of retirement planning. To ensure a comfortable retirement it is important to start saving as much as possible as early as possible, and to seek professional financial advice on the best retirement income options."

Staying on the property ladder remains the overwhelming preference among retired homeowners. Just six per cent of pensioners planning to sell their home intend to move into specialist retirement accommodation, while only four per cent expect to move into a rental property.

Stan Russell added: "For some retired homeowners, moving to a smaller home is a lifestyle choice, but for a significant number the decision is a financial one. Our research also shows the financial nous of many pensioners – the majority of retired homeowners expecting to sell their property plan to buy a smaller home rather than rent, saving themselves on average £168 per month on the difference between average mortgage and rental costs."



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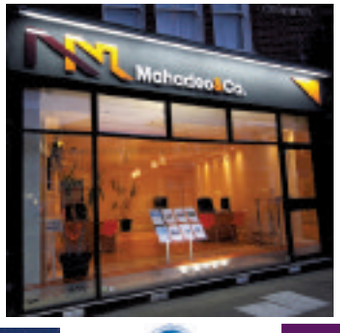
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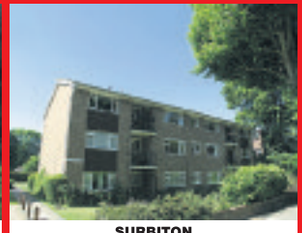

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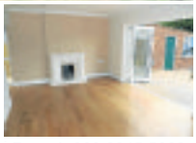

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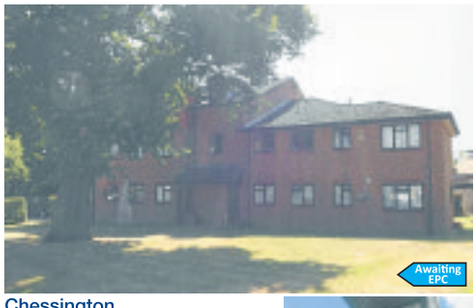

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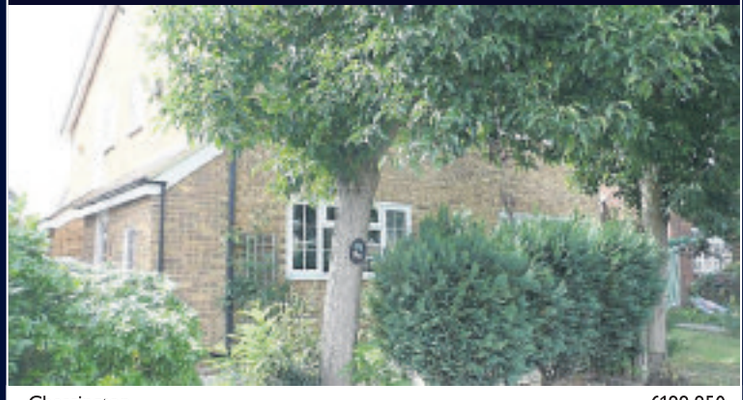

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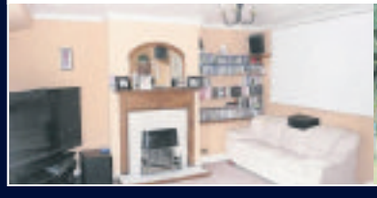

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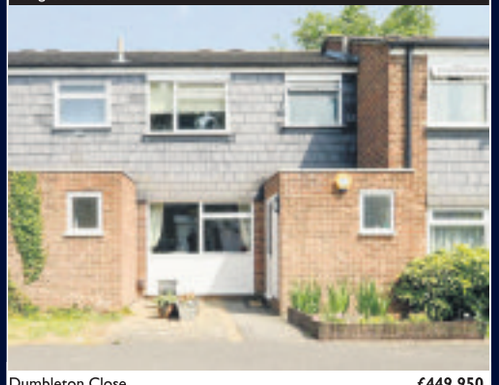

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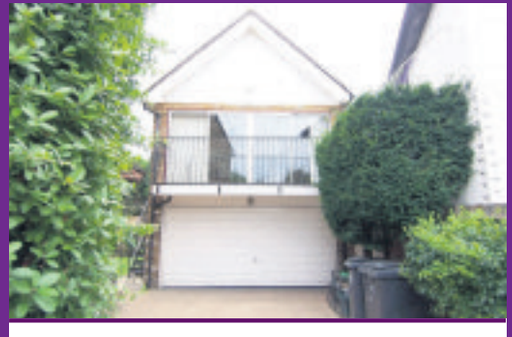

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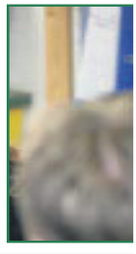

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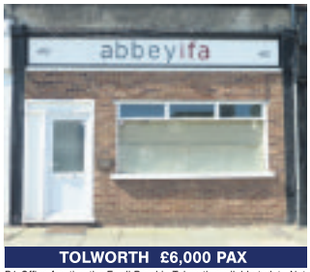

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Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 - Section 14 (1)
Claremont Avenue New Malden

1. The Merton London Borough Council hereby give notice that to enable construction of a housing development to be undertaken and to facilitate short-term loading for the site, they intend to make a temporary Order, to restrict vehicular traffic in Claremont Avenue, New Malden.
2. Whilst the works are being undertaken, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait, load or unload in Claremont Avenue from its junction with Burlington Road south-westwards to a point outside No. 1a Claremont Avenue.
3. The provisions of the Order shall only apply during such times and to such an extent as indicated by the placing of appropriate signs.
4. Nothing in the Order will apply to: -
   a) anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform;
   b) any person or vehicle engaged in the execution of the said works;
   c) any vehicle being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes.
5. The Order shall come into operation on the 16th September 2013, and remain in force for 18 months.

Dated this the 5th September 2013.

Chris Lee
Director of Environment and Regeneration
London Borough of Merton

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LICENSING ACT 2003 NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 34

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th August 2013 **Asda Stores Ltd** applied to Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames for a variation of the Premises Licence in respect of premises **Asda Supermarket**, 142 London Road, Kingston upon Thames KT2 6QL. The proposed variation is: 1. To permit the sale by retail of alcohol from 06.00 to 24.00 Monday to Sunday inclusive 2. To permit late night refreshment from 23.00 to 24.00 Monday to Sunday inclusive. 3. To remove certain conditions including the restriction on the sale of alcohol on Christmas Day and Good Friday. 4. To add conditions. Any representations by an interested party or responsible authority regarding the above-mentioned application must be received in writing by: Licensing Manager, Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, Environmental Health, Guildhall 2, High Street, Kingston upon Thames KT1 1EU no later than 26th September 2013 stating the grounds for representations. The full application can be viewed at the Offices at the address given above or on line at www.kingston.gov.uk It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is £5,000.

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Transport for London

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
The A240 GLA Road (Kingston Road, Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic and Stopping) Order 2013

1. Transport for London hereby gives notice that it has made the above named Traffic Order under section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the purpose specified in paragraph 2. The effect of the Order is summarised in paragraph 3.
2. The purpose of the Order is to enable carriageway resurfacing works to take place on A240 Kingston Road.
3. The effect of the Order is to prohibit any vehicle from entering, exiting, proceeding or stopping on A240 Kingston Road between the extended northern kerb-line of Jubilee Way and its junction with Worcester Park Road. Local access will be maintained.

   The Order will be effective at certain times between 8th September 2013 and 29th March 2014 every night from 09.00 PM to 05.00 AM or until the works have been completed whichever is the sooner. The prohibitions will apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.
4. The prohibitions will not apply in respect of:
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   (2) anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform or a person authorised by Transport for London.
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Roger Pye
Traffic Directorate, Transport for London
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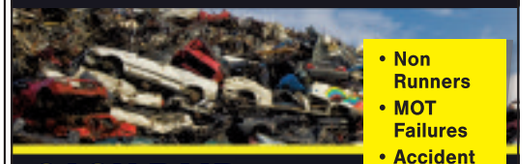
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Cottrell cannot halt Malden slide

Bowler Michael Cottrell's season's best figures were in vain as Malden Wanderers beat Reigate Priory, but were still relegated from the Surrey Championship Premier Division on Saturday.

Cottrell, *pictured right*, took 4-31 as the visitors were bowled out for 171, before 78 from Pete Young helped Wanderers to the two-wicket win.

But victory off the penultimate ball for Guildford at Sutton sent Malden down with one game – at Spencer – remaining.

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Moe's golden target

Surbiton's Moe Sbihi has been warned there will be no backward steps on the road to Olympic gold in Rio.

Andrew Triggs Hodge and fellow Molesey Boat Club men Sbihi and George Nash helped make British men's eight rowing history in South Korea on Sunday.

The trio were part of the crew that claimed gold for Great Britain at the World Championships in Chungju by clocking five minutes 30.35 seconds to beat Olympic champions Germany into second place by 0.54 seconds.

It is the first time Britain have won the eights event in the history of the competition and Olympic men's four champion Triggs Hodge said that standard needed to be maintained until the 2016 Olympics in Brazil.

"Thank you to everyone who backed us," he wrote on Facebook.

"It is going to be a tough road to Rio, but we've set the bar high.

"I, for one, am not planning on stepping back."

They're off: The GB men's eight in action in South Korea

Picture: Intersport-Image

Ks have not ruled out more changes

by STUART AMOS
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Kingstonian boss Alan Dowson is not afraid to dip into the transfer market again, despite seeing his side at the summit of the Ryman Premier League.

The Kingsmeadow chief overhauled his squad in the summer bringing in 13 new faces in a bid to land the title in what could be his final year at the helm.

The merry-go-round, which has seen new centre back Sam Page impress most, sees Ks top of the table even though they crashed 2-0 at Maidstone United on Saturday.

Dowson, *pictured right*, has warned his wheeler-dealing may not stop there, with changes likely as soon as there is a significant downturn in form.

But for now he is more than happy with his lot.

"We've started well with the players we have brought in, but that could all change in seven or eight games time," he said.

"We've brought in 13 new players in a squad of 17, so you'd think it would take time to settle.

"But these guys will not get off the training park. It comes to a point where I have to say 'Come on lads, let's turn the floodlights off.'

"I've never seen anything like it."

Maidstone ended the club's historic run of six straight cleansheets at the weekend, but Dowson – who welcomes Grays Athletic to Kingsmeadow on non-League day this Saturday, before Monday's visit of Bognor Regis Town – remained philosophical.

"They were the first goals we've conceded this season. We were always going to concede at some stage, just as we were always going to lose a game," he added.

"It is a long season. I don't care if we lose seven or eight games, as long as we are still top. That is where I want to be.

"Saturday was a blip and we'll be judged on how we bounce back and I am confident – with this group of players – that we will do that."

SPORTS*brief*

FOOTBALL: New Corinthian Casuals boss Bryan Adamson proved he had not lost his cup magic touch as he got his reign off to the perfect start on Saturday as his side crushed Erith Town 3-0 in the FA Cup. Adamson, who himself stepped down at King George's Field after heart surgery in 2011, took over the reigns once more last week after manager Kim Harris resigned due to his own ongoing health problems. Second half goals from Joel Thompson, Jamie Byatt and Chris Watney set up a first qualifying round trip to Merstham. They return to Ryman Division One South this week with a trip to Ramsgate.

CRICKET: Sajjad Ali's 5-16 set up victory for Kingstonian over Met Police in Surrey Championship Division Four on Saturday. The Blues had reached 179-6 batting first, before Ali claimed three of the last four wickets to fall to dismiss the visitors for 190. Ks knocked off the runs with two wickets and eight overs to spare and finish their league campaign when Egham visit this week.

HOCKEY: Surbiton Ladies' preparation for the new Investec Women's Hockey League Premier Division season continued with a 2-1 home win over reigning Conference West champions Buckingham on Sunday thanks to a second-half Vicky Bryant double. The men drew 2-2 at Reading on Saturday with James Gall and former Teddington star Dan Shingles scoring.

BOXING: Kingston's Danny Parsons will make the third defence of his Queensbury Southern Area title next month. The fight, on September 14, takes place at Epsom Downs Racecourse and will be the first time the 19-year-old has stepped in the ring since the birth of son Frankie Jay in May.

FOOTBALL: Peterborough United director of football Barry Fry will be guest speaker at a fundraising dinner at Kingstonian on October 11.

PARKRUN: Thames Turbo Triathlon's Stuart Amory clocked a personal best 17 minutes 56 seconds to win the Kingston parkrun on Saturday.

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Close run thing: Kingston's Pippa Earley, right, finishes behind Croydon's Marcia Sey SP78853

Photo finish

Kingston AC & Polytechnic's girls endured a nervous wait before finding out they had retained their Lily B Cup title at Ewell Court on Saturday.

Organisers were forced to recount the results after the closing events as Kingston out on top, notching 332.5 to beat Guildford & Godalming into second place by just 14 points with Croydon in third.

Kingston's Pippa Earley scored crucial points in coming second to Croydon's Marcia Sey in the U13s 200m and winning the long jump.

There was a distance double for Kingston's Phoebe Law as she won the U17s 800m and 1,500m and came second in the javelin.

Rest has Twigg all fired up for new year

England star Georgie Twigg is hoping a two week break from the game can have her refreshed to meet the fight for places at Surbiton head on this term, *writes Tim Ashton*.

Twigg and club mates Sarah Haycroft, Giselle Ansley and Hollie Webb have taken a fortnight off after their exertions with England at the Eurohockey Championships last month.

The arrival of Ansley from Loughborough Students, Webb from Beeston, Emily Atkinson from Clifton and Rebecca Herbert from Dutch outfit Pinoke at Sugden Road has only raised the selection stakes ahead of the start of the domestic season on September 14.

Twigg said: "Come the start of the season, we'll be raring to go again.

"With the new girls we've brought in, there is going to be competition for places.

"We all want to be involved in the big games against the likes of Reading and Beeston. I know we will all be up for it."

Holiday: Georgie Twigg

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